

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 4-20 and 30-36 are allowable.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 4-20 and 30-36 are currently pending in this application. Claims 30, 31, and 34-36 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 30 and 31.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the Specification for lack of appropriate subheadings separating different sections of the Specification. Applicant hereby submits a marked-up version and a clean copy of a substitute Specification, including all the appropriate headings and subheadings. In addition, the substitute Specification corrects spelling errors found in the original Specification. Applicant asserts that no new subject matter is added by way of the substitute Specification.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to the Specification is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

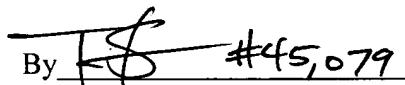
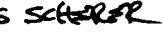
The Examiner has indicated that all the pending claims are allowable. Therefore, Applicant hereby requests a Notice of Allowance to be issued.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 11345/023001).

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